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**SOUTHERN LEAGUE
TO QUIT JUNE 28**

Lack of Interest and In-



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creased Cost of Transportation the Cause.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 11.—After an all-day session here the directors of the Southern Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs unanimously voted to close the season on June 23. Lack of interest and the increased cost of transportation together with the government's "war on the flag" and the war on the dollar were the reasons given.

By continuing through June 23 the clubs have authority to hold their franchises as well as all players. The resolution as finally adopted reads as follows:

"Whereas, in view of the national interest during the present war emergency, it is unanimously deemed advisable by the clubs composing the Southern Association to suspend the playing of base ball games for the period of the present emergency;

Close Matches for Women of Chevy Chase Club in Yesterday's Round.

Well contested matches were the rule in the first round of play for the women's high commission hockey cup by the women members of the Chevy Chase Club in yesterday's round.

of the war at the earliest practicable date;

"And whereas, in order to preserve and protect the territorial franchise rights of each of said clubs, it is mandatory that the league continue in operation until June 28, inclusive:

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the directors of the Southern Association of Base Ball Clubs, That after June 28, 1918, the further playing of such games as have been scheduled by the League be abandoned until peace has been declared, or until such other action may be taken by the association; and

Be it further resolved, That the constituting the Southern Association of Base Ball Clubs shall deem it advisable to renew the playing of base ball games in said association.

"And the present officers and directors of said association shall continue in office."

The Southern Association, as it is known today, was organized in 1901, and has operated continuously since that time, although there have been

Chase Club yesterday. Two of the matches were carried to the eighteenth green and all the others were well played.

The second round is being played today.

The summaries: Mrs. Emory Smith defeated Mrs. T. Browne Miller, 1 up; Miss L. Tarrant defeated Miss Alma Ruggles, by default; Miss Louise Lacey defeated Mrs. A. L. Parsons, 5 and 3; Miss Breckenridge defeated Mrs. Breckenridge Long, 5 and 4; Mrs. W. A. Bethel defeated Mr. George Richards, 5 and 4; Mrs. C. R. Stetson defeated Mrs. C. B. Howry, 6 and 3; Mrs. J. M. Hester defeated Mrs. Margaret Moses, 2 up, and Mrs. Ekenberg defeated Mrs. L. O. Cameron, 3 and 2.

transfers of franchises times. Silverplate Lads year held a franchise in the circuit, as did Montgomery, Ala., but representation from these cities was transferred there years ago to Mobile and Little Rock.

Cities composing the association now are the following, named according to standing in the percentage column:

New Orleans, Little Rock, Mobile, Memphis, Chattanooga, Nashville, Birmingham and Atlanta.

Cleveland Pitcher Suspended.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 11.—Fred Counce, a pitcher of the Cleveland base ball team, who, while coaching on first base during Sunday's game between Cleveland and Boston, was sent from the grounds by General Owens, because of a disciplinary matter, has been indefinitely suspended by President Ban Johnson. It was announced last night. It was charged that Counce had refused to leave the grounds immediately.

Base Ball Outfit for U. S. Prisoners

CHICAGO, June 11.—American prisoners held in twelve camps in Germany will be supplied with base ball equipment, President Ban Johnson of the American League, announces. The packages, which will be sent through the medium of the Red Cross, which had advised him that Germany had consented to the

which was yesterday's feature of the commencement week program at the United States Military Academy. Three academy records were broken. Gene Vidal, star of the Army's foot ball team, broke the record of 5 feet 10 inches in the high jump, clearing the bar at 6 feet $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. In the discus throw he exceeded the mark of 117 feet $\frac{1}{4}$ inches by 7 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Shrader, another foot ball player, raised the pole vault record of 11 feet $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to 11 feet 6 inches. With all academic duties, except final examinations, at an end, the cadets were reviewed last evening by the superintendent, Col. Samuel E. Tillman.

William S. Murray of California, center fielder of the Army base ball team, was elected captain for next season. Murray is a heavy

By **BUD FISHER.**



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